

# Central United Methodist Church

## Weekly Messenger

April 19, 2024

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### Worship

Series Title: **We Walk in the Light**

Our Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24

Sermon Title: ***"We Abide in Christ"***

Our final week in the series, "How Shall We Live?" calls us to live out the love and joy we have found in our life in Christ. It calls us to live in harmony with each other and all of creation. Our sermon title this week is, *"We Abide in Christ"*, which is what this series is all about. Abiding in Christ. Helping in worship this week is Elyse Brunnemer as our Worship Assistant. Elyse will also be giving our Children's Message. Our AV Team will continue to balance mechanics and prayer in our AV booth.

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### Prayers

For all, by all - Central UMC

**Walter Irwin**, cousin in law of Sharon Irwin, receiving a double lung transplant in North Carolina.

**Jan Adams** had a successful surgery on Wed., April 17<sup>th</sup> on her Right shoulder. She is at home recovering.

**Lee Scheierman**: Health issues.

**Brian Salladay**, son of June and brother of Christy Malone, at Memorial Central healing.

**Vicky Sams** for health issues.

**Ken Wacker Sr.** overcoming Cancer.

Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders;

Our World Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Angola, Africa.

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## **Dates to Remember**

Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12, 2024

We will be celebrating high school graduates:

Will Schipfer, Keagan Hawkins, Dustin and Sierra Spillar

And, College Graduates: Tori Dudgeon and Christina Cox

## **Galley Road Closed for 8 months**

Galley Rd. will close to traffic between East San Miguel St and Moffat Circle

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## **Summer Ministries**

### **Vacation Bible School**

June 3-7

More Information Coming Soon....

### **Theatre and Arts Camp**

July 8-12

9:00-12:00 pm

With optional after-camp care from 12:00-3:00 pm

PK-5th grade

Register at [go.fumc-cs.org/summercamp](http://go.fumc-cs.org/summercamp)

### **Tween Camp**

July 16-18

6-8th grade

John Wesley Ranch

Let me know if you have families who may be interested. Rev. Deb

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**Thank you to those who give their time.**

**Thank you to all who helped with Smokey Boyer's and Charlie Carson's memorial services.**

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## **Groceries for the Backpack Project**

### **CANNED VEGETABLES**

We brought enough Mac 'n Cheese for 120 backpacks (2 months' worth)!!

NOW we need to bring canned vegetables:

Cut Green Beans / Peas / Sweet Corn (not creamed corn).

Please bring as many cans as you can to the cart by the south entrance.

Our church fills 60 backpacks every month for 3 schools:

Mitchell HS, Sweigert MS, and Wilson Elementary.

Can we bring enough canned veggies to fill those backpacks?? You bet we CAN!!

### **FAMILY PROMISE**

#### **April Mission Focus**

**“We are so extremely grateful for your time, energy, effort, and sacrifices!**

**Thank you for ALL THAT YOU DO!”**

This lovely message, written on notebook paper with red hearts drawn by children, was left in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 24, after three mothers and six children had packed and left their 'bedrooms' early that morning. They had been the guests of our congregation for seven nights. We provided meals and lodging, hospitality, and friendship for those children and their mothers ... and we were blessed! Many volunteers worked together to make this happen. Thank you!

Family Promise is a national organization with one of its affiliates in Colorado Springs. It is a unique agency that provides shelter and meals in churches and synagogues. Every week the families are hosted by another congregation. During the day, families have access to many supportive services at the Family Promise Day Center, located within First UMC. The center, with showers and laundry facilities, is open 7 days a week, 7:00 - 5:00. Parents are provided strengths-based case management grounded in dignity and collaboration as they work to regain their independence and provide for their children.

We can provide hope and promise for families with our financial support. Please make checks payable to Central UMC, designated Family Promise. Thank you, but our involvement doesn't stop there.

### **MANY WAYS TO HELP**

**Welcoming Families to Be Our Guests**

**Sunday evening, May 19 – Sunday morning, May 26**

Once again, our church (ALL of us!) are preparing to host four families who are temporarily homeless. On Sunday, May 19, beginning at noon, we will set up private sleeping rooms in the classroom spaces off Fellowship Hall, get out toys for the children to play with, and arrange foods in the kitchen for breakfasts and lunches. Then, every evening, we will share dinner with our guests, enjoying a home-cooked meal provided by volunteers.

The families will arrive at 5:00 each evening and leave again by 7:00 each morning. Family Promise has a Day Center located in First UMC downtown. This is where our guests can spend the days if they are not in school or at work. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Please, consider how you can help:

1. Assisting with set-up on 5/19 or take-down on 5/26
2. Providing dinner one evening
3. Being an evening host (5:00 – 8:30)
4. Spending one night, sleeping on a rollaway bed with a Memory Foam mattress OR
5. Making a donation to help with the cost of groceries.  
(Write a check payable to CUMC, marked IHN.)

Sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, April 21.

QUESTIONS? Talk with Pat Dudgeon, 951-255-5538 / patdudgeon84@gmail.com

## **Recurring Calendar Events**

### **Sundays at Central UMC**

Come join us before worship in Fellowship Hall  
for a time together with coffee and donuts.

#### **Choir practice**

Every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Sanctuary doors will be closed for their practice time.

#### **Bible Story Time**

**BIBLE STORY TIME RESUMES ON April 7<sup>th</sup>**

For kids Kindergarten – 3rd Grade

#### **Children's Music**

11:00 -11:15 every Sunday

Meet in the Assembly Room.

Children are invited to enjoy singing and learning to play bells.

#### **Children's Sunday School**

Meets in the Assembly Room at 11:15 each Sunday.

Bring your kids, stay for coffee and adult class.

#### **The Followers Class**

Led by Karen Hobson

Book Study: *"Doubt"*

Meets in the Sunday School Classroom 1 (off of Fellowship Hall)

11:15 a.m. – Noon, every Sunday.

Hope you will join us!

**"DOUBT"**

Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers?

Is there a heaven? How can we know?

Often, we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God.

In *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, join best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them. You will delve into questions like:

“Does God exist? How can I know?”

“Is the Bible true?”

“Why do prayers go unanswered?”

### **Tuesdays**

Bible Study led by Rev. Judy Owsley

9:30 -10:30 in Classroom One

“The Lord’s Prayer”

By Adam Hamilton

The Tuesday study of The Lord’s Prayer will resume on

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It’s not too late to join!!

Books (\$14) are available in the office.

### **Wednesdays**

Heavenly Bells meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m., with Priscilla Tracy

In the sanctuary. Come early to help set up.

Call Priscilla to join the fun: (719) 660-1433



### **Thursdays**

Rev. Deb’s Thursday class will take a hiatus.

Stay tuned for our next study this summer.

Thursday Evening @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Starting: This Summer - On Zoom

### **Naomi Circle**

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month @ 10 a.m.

Come visit with the ladies.

Call Wynona Batman (719 596-1851) for more information.

See you on May 2nd, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Delores Neal will bring refreshments. Wynona Batman will present the lesson.

## Men's Group

Thursday's @ 11:30 a.m. @ Gunther Toody's  
Call Bob Morris (719-574-1566) for more information.

ALSO

United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month

Next Saturday: April 20<sup>th</sup> – Location to be announced.

**...still at 9:30 AM.**

Call Robert Rummel (719-596-4144) for more information.



4 – Tyler Bosick  
7 – Carole Zempel  
8 – Bill Lee  
9 – Chelsea Bosick  
12 – Alex Gaines  
15 – Luanne Cozad  
15 – Vicki Sams  
16 – Roger Day

16 – Dan Mark  
16 – Norm Pechacek  
16 – Saige Stephens  
18 – Cindy Stoudt  
20 – Natalie James  
21 – Clem Malone  
26 – Wayne Medina  
28 – Meghan Brunnemer



Ernie and Janet Dunbar – April 29<sup>th</sup>

**May each of you be blessed  
and held firmly in the light of God's presence.**

Rev. Deb



# General Conference of the United Methodist Church is next week!

The *General Conference of The United Methodist Church* is meeting, April 23 through May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, NC.

## How does the General Conference work?

General Conference is the highest legislative body in The United Methodist Church. It usually convenes once every four years to determine the denomination's future direction. Between 600 and 1000 delegates are elected by their [annual conferences](#)—half [clergy](#) and half [laity](#), and up to 10 delegates are sent by Methodist denominations with whom The United Methodist Church has a concordat (two each from Methodist Church of Mexico, Methodist Church of Puerto Rico, Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas, and four from the Methodist Church of Great Britain). At General Conference, these delegates gather from all over the world to consider revisions to church law and the official ritual of the church, adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues, and elect officers for a number of churchwide positions. The General Conference also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs for the next four years.

### ***Requests for change***

The primary source of legislation is petitions submitted before the General Conference. A petition is a request to the General Conference for official action, whether a change in policy or law, an amendment to the Constitution, a revision in the official ritual, or approval of a statement on a social issue. Any United Methodist layperson or clergy person, or any organization of The United Methodist Church may petition the General Conference.

Petitions ahead of the General Conference must be submitted no later than 230 days before the opening of General Conference. The deadline for petitions to the upcoming session of the General Conference was September 6, 2023. Petitions may also be submitted by an annual conference meeting up to 45 days before the opening of General Conference (March 10, 2024).

All proposed legislation is translated into the official languages of General Conference, and all petitions received by the 230 day deadline is published in the [Advance Daily Christian Advocate](#), distributed first to elected delegates, and also posted on the [General Conference website](#).

It is also possible for delegates to present petitions directly to the General Conference, either as part of the work of the legislative groups or directly to the floor of the plenary session itself. For such petitions to be considered by the plenary, they must have been received in writing by the conference secretary, translated into the four written languages of the General Conference, and distributed to all delegates at least 24 hours prior to the time they are up for consideration by the plenary.

### ***Preliminary work in legislative committees***

Petitions are numbered and grouped by subject matter or the Book of Discipline section they address (missions, finance, local church, etc.) and assigned to legislative committees. The number of legislative committees at the 2024 gathering was increased from 12 to 14. The goal is to more evenly distribute the workload and meet the requirement that all submitted petitions receive a vote in committee.

A legislative committee votes to accept, accept with amendments, reject or refer the various petitions. Every delegate serves on a legislative committee and spends much of the first week of General Conference focusing on the committee's assignments. These committees make it possible to review and provide recommendations

on hundreds of petitions — something impossible for the full gathering of delegates. The postponed 2020 General Conference has received 1009 petitions for action.

Learn More

- Guide to the Postponed 2020 General Conference [English Français Português](#)
- [2020 General Conference Website \(Rescheduled for 2024\)](#)

### ***Final decisions***

Petitions approved by the legislative committee move on for consideration by the full body of delegates.

Delegates make decisions on the matters before them based on their own conscience as moved by the Holy Spirit. This is an important principle underscored in these words from the [Judicial Council](#): “Delegates to General Conference, just as members of an Annual Conference, are bound to do as their conscience dictates what is good for the Church of Jesus Christ, The United Methodist Church in particular, and that only.”

If an approved proposal has no financial implications, seeks no change in the constitution and receives fewer than 10 votes against it in committee, it goes on a “consent calendar.” The same is true with motions to refer, though these go onto a different list of items to make clear the intention is to refer rather than approve them. Consent calendar items are voted on as a bundle without further debate to conserve precious floor time in the plenary session. However, any 20 delegates may ask for an item on a consent calendar to be voted upon separately by the plenary session.

The rules approved for the General Conference guide the conference deliberations. Delegates use secure electronic devices to cast their secret ballots and to request recognition to address the assembly. Votes are not traceable to any specific delegate or delegation. Only the vote totals are recorded and reported.

Have questions? We have answers!

Ask your questions and check out more FAQs.

### **ASK FAQs**

A simple majority passes most motions. Constitutional changes require a two-thirds majority of the delegates present and voting and subsequent approval by two-thirds of those voting at annual conferences the following year. Results of annual conference voting on constitutional amendments will be announced by the Council of Bishops during their spring meeting in 2026.

The legislation, budget and other items approved by the General Conference take effect at the beginning of the following year, unless specified to take effect at the close of General Conference or another time.

### ***Following the process***

Throughout the legislative process, from initial submission of petitions, to actions taken by legislative committees and plenary sessions, all items before the General Conference are tracked and reported in real time through an online tracking system. The progress of all legislation handled by the [2016](#) and [2019](#) General Conferences are still available. The tracking system for the upcoming General Conference will be handled by a new system initially available only to delegates and subscribers to <https://www.dailychristianadvocate.org>.